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CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS IN TEXAS.

Surgeon Guiteras, at Galveston, reported, January 9, that the State health officer of Texas reports the presence of cerebrospinal meningitis in the following-named cities and towns in Texas: Taylor, Waco, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Italy, Teague, Fort Worth, Smithville, Clarksville, Rockwall, and Emory. A total of approximately 300 known cases, with a mortality of 50 per cent, was recorded to January 9.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 1,735 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended December 30, 1911.

During the same period 3,760 acres of land in San Joaquin County and 9,450 acres in Stanislaus County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908....	Oct. 23, 1908....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911....	Dec. 1, 1908....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Oct. 9, 1911....	114 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911....	None.....	Sept. 23, 1911....	364 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910....	do.....	June 8, 1911....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907....	Sept. 21, 1911....	None.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	Dec. 30, 1911	2	¹ 112	75	.....
Fresno.....	.....do.....		² 55	55	.....
Oakland.....	.....do.....	10	³ 500	399	.....
San Francisco.....	.....do.....	12	⁴ 1,317	987	.....
Counties—					
San Joaquin.....	.....do.....		⁵ 129	129	.....
Santa Clara.....	.....do.....		⁶ 67	67	.....
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	.....do.....		997	832	.....

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 79; *Mus musculus*, 33.² Identified: *Mus alexandrinus*, 54; unidentified, 1.³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 419; *Mus musculus*, 81.⁴ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 644; *Mus rattus*, 185; *Mus musculus*, 326; *Mus alexandrinus*, 161.⁵ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 116; *Mus rattus*, 3; *Mus musculus*, 4; *Mus alexandrinus*, 6.⁶ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 67.

SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Shot or trapped.	Found dead.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
County—					
Alameda.....	Dec. 30, 1911	.....	3	.....	.....

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the following table the States indicated by an asterisk are those from which reports of smallpox are received only from certain city, and in some cases county, boards of health. In these States, therefore, the recorded cases and deaths should not be taken as showing the general prevalence of the disease. In the States not marked by an asterisk the reports are received monthly from the State boards of health, and include all cases reported to the State authorities.

REPORTS RECEIVED DURING WEEK ENDED JAN. 19, 1912.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
*Alabama:				
Montgomery.....	Jan. 1-5.....	1	.....
Colorado:				
Counties—				
Denver.....	Dec. 1-31.....	14	.....
Larimer.....	.....do.....	1	.....
Lincoln.....	.....do.....	5	.....
Rio Grande.....	.....do.....	3	.....
Total for State.....		23	.....
Connecticut.....	Dec. 1-31.....	.....	.....	No cases.
Florida:				
Counties—				
Duval.....	Dec. 24-30.....	1	.....
Hillsboro.....	.....do.....	1	.....
Lake.....	.....do.....	1	.....
Santa Rosa.....	.....do.....	1	.....
Washington.....	.....do.....	1	.....
Total or State.....		5	.....